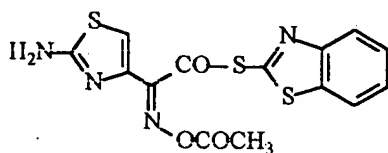


**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a novel process for the preparation of intermediate,  
2-mercapto-benzothiazolyl (Z)-2-(2-amino-4-thiazolyl)-2-acetyloxyiminoacetate of  
5 Formula I and its use in the preparation of Cefdinir.



Formula I